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ORDERS FOR PERSHING FORCE

MEN WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ALONG BORDER TO GUARD IT.

His Troops Will be Centered at El Paso, Ready to Proceed to Any Threatened Point.

San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 29.—Plans for distributing the American expeditionary force after its withdrawal from Mexico so that the border country will be protected were announced tonight by the Southern department of the United States army.

Gen. Pershing, in command of the force of 12,000, will establish headquarters at El Paso. From here any threatened section of the country can be reached quickly. Headquarters of the cavalry brigade will be at the same place, Brig. Gen. Eben Swift commanding.

The majority of the units in the expedition will be stationed at El Paso, these including the Fifth and Seventh cavalry, Sixth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth infantry, First battalion of the Fourth field artillery, Second regiment of engineers, four pack trains, two wagon companies, all signal troops except the First aero squadron, assigned temporarily to Columbus, and all sanitary troops except ambulance company No. 7, and field hospital No. 7 both of which go to Eagle Pass, Tex.

Besides the aero squadron at Columbus will be the Twenty-fourth infantry, eight truck companies and two pack trains.

Nogales, Ariz., will have one squadron of the Tenth cavalry, Fort Huachuca one squadron and one troop of the same regiment and Fort Apache one troop of the Tenth. At Fort Apache also the Indian scout, who have been with the expedition will be mustered out of the federal service.

Douglas, Ariz., will be protected by B and C batteries of the Sixth field artillery.

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THE DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

BUDGET IS ASSUMING FINAL SHAPE AT HANDS OF AUTHORITIES.

House Passes Fortifications Measure and Committee Completes Naval Bill Carrying \$335,453,245 and Providing for Four Capital Ships This Year.

Washington, Jan. 29.—The administration's \$300,000,000 defense budget began to take final shape in congress today when the house passed the fortifications bill, carrying more than \$51,000,000 for coast defenses, and the house naval committee completed its 1918 naval appropriation bill with a total of more than \$350,000,000.

The army appropriation bill still is in the house military committee which is expected to complete it next week.

Estimates for the army reach more than \$360,000,000, exclusive of numerous deficiency measures resulting from the border mobilization and the rising cost of war materials.

The only military legislation pending is the universal military training bill before a senate subcommittee which will conclude its hearings this week when Maj. Gen. Scott and Maj. Gen. Wood are to be recalled for cross-examination on their statements that federalization of the National Guard has proved a failure. It is not expected congress will take any action on this bill at this session.

The navy bill carries \$351,453,245, as against \$313,000,000 last year. It provides for the construction of three 42,000 ton battleships at \$28,178,592 each; one battlecruiser at \$26,694,490; three scout cruisers at \$6,745,145 each; 15 destroyers at \$1,748,612 each; one destroyer tender at \$2,808,000; one submarine tender at \$2,199,400 and 18 300 ton type submarines at \$1,433,093 each. The programme is that recommended by the department.

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ACT ON IMPORTANT MEASURES

PRESIDENT BELIEVES THAT BILLS HE IS INTERESTED IN WILL PASS AT PRESENT SESSION.

Wilson Wishes Postmasters Placed Under Civil Service Provisions—Holds Conferences in Visit to Capitol—Various Bills Discussed.

Washington, Jan. 29.—After a series of conferences at the capitol on practically all features of his legislative programme, President Wilson told his advisers today that he believed there would be action at this session on every important measure in which he is interested. With members of the senate and house he had discussed means of preventing railroad strikes, vocational education, revenue, flood control, the general land leasing bill, the Puerto Rico bill, a measure to allow American exporters to form common selling agencies abroad, increased pay for federal employees and the placing of postmasters under civil service.

The president told Senator Poinsett he favored extension of civil service requirements to all postmasters. He previously has urged a proposal of this kind and Postmaster General Burleson has endorsed it in his annual report. It is expected to meet with some Democratic opposition.

Representative Sims of Tennessee, a member of the house interstate commerce committee considering the railroad programme, told the president he did not believe the house would approve the president's recommendation of a section prohibiting strikes or lockouts pending investigation.

The president said he would not insist on any particular form of legislation but that it was absolutely necessary to decide on some means of preventing strikes on railroads. Administration leaders are working on a compromise measure which the president probably will introduce. It provides for the creation of a board to investigate and coordinate all improvements having to do with flood control, river improvements and irrigation.

The Webb bill for common selling agencies abroad for American exporters, already passed by the house, was gone over in detail with the president by Senator Pomerene, who told of amendments he expected to offer in committee. These amendments are designed to prevent exporters from using the combined one for foreign trade to increase prices in the United States and would authorize the federal trade commission to investigate wrong practices and report to the department of justice.

In discussing increased pay for federal employees with a committee from the federal employees' union, presenting a petition signed with 50,000 names, the president indicated that he favored increases, if possible.

"I have been on a salary all my life," he said, "and therefore can sympathize with others in the same fix."

In the midst of his legislative conferences the president was interrupted by 20 Indians, who wanted to shake hands. He listened with a puzzled expression while one of them addressed him in an Indian dialect, assisted by the sign language. Then he smiled when an interpreter told him the Indians wanted no favors but merely desired to greet "the great white father."

TILLMAN PRESENTS APPROVAL.

Submits Resolutions Adopted by South Carolina Legislature Indorsing Wilson Peace Plan.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Senator Tillman submitted to the senate today a copy of resolutions adopted by the South Carolina legislature indorsing President Wilson's proposal that the United States take the initiative after the European war to form a league of nations to enforce peace.

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KITCHEN'S REVENUE BILL.

NEW MEASURE WOULD PRODUCE QUARTER BILLION FUNDS.

Quick Action is Expected by Committee on This Most Important Bill—\$402,389,939 to Be Provided.

Washington, Jan. 29.—The new revenue bill, embracing excess profits and increased inheritance taxes designed to produce \$248,000,000 and a bond issue not exceeding \$100,000,000 to meet the threatened deficit next year, was reported today by the house ways and means committee. Democratic members voted solidly for it and the Republicans against it. The bill will be considered in the house tomorrow. Chairman Kitchin announced.

Chairman Kitchin in presenting the committee report said he expected to reach a vote on it late Wednesday. The committee estimated the amount necessary to be raised at \$402,389,939.

It stated that bond issue to reimburse the treasury would aggregate \$195,256,292, including \$162,418,000 for expenditures incident to the Mexican situation to June 30 next, \$21,838,292 for Alaskan railway construction to June 30, 1918, and \$11,000,000 for the armor plant. The estimated amount to be raised by taxation was placed by the report at \$207,133,647 and the total estimated additional receipts under the proposed bill at \$248,000,000, which comprises \$226,000,000 from the excess profits tax and \$22,000,000 from the estate tax.

The Republican members of the ways and means committee agreed today upon a minority report which suggests that the needed revenue be raised by a protective tariff law instead of by a direct tax.

LOUISIANA MURDERERS CONVICTED.

Four Negroes Found Guilty of Killing Five People.

Shreveport, La., Jan. 30.—Four negroes, Mark Peters, Larkin Stewart, and Anderson Heard, negroes, were convicted today of killing five members of the family of John Nelson Reeves, last December. The verdict against Tyson and Peters calls for the death penalty. The others get life sentences.

MONROE DOCTRINE UNCHANGED.

Senator Lewis Introduces Resolution Declaring Sense of the Senate.

Washington, Jan. 30.—Senator Lewis, of Illinois, today introduced a resolution which should express it to be the sense of the senate that President Wilson's peace address does not propose the abolition of the Monroe doctrine, nor propose military aggression by the United States. He asked that the resolution lie on the table.

Senator Cummins, in opening the senate debate on the president's peace proposals said they involve the United States either in a constant world war or in constant rebellion against the authority world sovereignty proposes.

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IMMIGRATION BILL MEETS VETO

LITERACY TEST CAUSE OF PRESIDENT'S ACTION.

Wilson Again Uses to Assent to Measure Which Would Bar Illiterates From Refuge and Opportunity in Western Republic—Will be Fought in Congress.

Washington, Jan. 29.—President Wilson today vetoed the immigration bill passed recently by congress, because of its literacy test provision.

It was the second time that President Wilson had vetoed an immigration measure because of the literacy test and for the same reason similar measures were given by Presidents Taft and Cleveland.

The president's message to the house, in which the bill originated, follows:

"I very much regret to return this bill without my signature.

"In most of the provisions of the bill I should be very glad to concur but I can not rid myself of the conviction that the literacy test constitutes a radical change in the policy of the nation which is not justified in principle. It is not a test of character, of quality or of personal fitness but would operate in most cases merely as a penalty for lack of opportunity in the country from which the alien seeking admission came. The opportunity to gain an education is in many cases one of the chief opportunities sought by the immigrant in coming to the United States and our experience in the past has not been that the illiterate immigrant is as such an undesirable immigrant. Tests of quality and of purpose can not be objected to on principle but tests of opportunity surely may be.

"Moreover, even if this test might be equitably insisted on, one of the exceptions proposed to its application involves a provision which might lead to a very delicate and hazardous diplomatic situation.

"I am convinced that the proper immigration officer or to the secretary of labor that they are seeking admission to the United States to avoid religious persecution in the country of their last permanent residence, whether such persecution be evidenced by overt acts or by laws or governmental regulations that discriminate against the alien or the race to which he belongs because of his religious faith."

"Such a provision, so applied and administered, would oblige the officer concerned in effect to pass judgment upon the laws and practices of a foreign government and declare that they did or did not constitute religious persecution. This would, to say the least, be a most invidious function for any administrative officer of this government to perform and it is not only possible but probable that very serious questions of international justice and comity would arise between this government and the government or governments thus officially condemned should its exercise be adopted.

"I dare say that these consequences were not in the minds of the proponents of this provision but the provision separately and in itself renders it unwise for me to give my assent to this legislation in its present form."

When the message was read in the house it was ordered to lie on the table until Thursday morning and champions of the bill began laying their plans for an effort to override the veto. Chairman Burnett announced tonight that he would move for a vote Thursday. Two years ago the house lacked only four votes of the necessary two-thirds majority to pass the bill over the veto, the yeas being 261 and the nays 136. The attempt having failed in the house no action was taken by the senate.

When President Taft vetoed a similar measure because of the literacy test, the senate succeeded in overriding him by more than a two-thirds majority but the house fell short about a dozen votes.

The bill which the president vetoed today passed the house last March, 308 to 87, and the senate in December, 64 to 7.

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